

House File 283 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing an energy audit program with regard to
2 elementary and secondary public school buildings.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 476.6, subsection 16, Code 2013, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *i.* The board shall establish, coordinate,
4 and provide the funding for an energy audit program pursuant to
5 which energy audits shall be performed in connection with each
6 elementary or secondary public school building in the state
7 utilized as an attendance center. The board shall establish
8 by rule criteria for the audits, which shall include, at a
9 minimum, an inspection of the school building, assessment of
10 the building's current energy efficiency, and recommendations
11 for energy-efficient upgrades or improvements. The selection
12 of one or more entities or organizations to conduct the audits,
13 and a proposed timetable for the performance of the audits and
14 submission of audit results, shall be at the discretion of the
15 board. Each school district in the state shall submit to the
16 board a list of school buildings located within the school
17 district by September 1, 2013. The goal of the program shall
18 be to complete all audits by January 1, 2015, but the board may
19 grant extensions of time in the board's discretion upon request
20 by the entity performing the audit or a school district. The
21 board shall submit a status report to the general assembly by
22 January 1, 2014, and by January 1 each year thereafter until
23 all audits have been completed.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill directs the Iowa utilities board to establish,
26 coordinate, and fund an energy audit program pursuant to which
27 energy audits shall be performed in connection with each
28 elementary or secondary school building in the state utilized
29 as an attendance center. The bill provides that the board
30 shall establish by rule criteria for the audits, which shall
31 include, at a minimum, an inspection of the school building,
32 assessment of the building's current energy efficiency, and
33 recommendations for energy-efficient upgrades or improvements.

34 The bill requires each school district to submit to the
35 board a list of school buildings located within the district

1 by September 1, 2013. The bill provides that selection of one
2 or more entities or organizations to perform the audits, and
3 a proposed timetable for the performance of the audits and
4 submission of audit results to the board, is in the board's
5 discretion. The bill specifies a general goal of completion
6 of all audits by January 1, 2015, but states that the board may
7 grant extensions of time in the board's discretion upon request
8 by an entity performing an audit or a school district. The
9 bill provides that the board shall review audit results and
10 submit a status report to the general assembly by January 1,
11 2014, and by January 1 each year thereafter until all audits
12 have been completed.